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PREPARATIONS CONTINUE

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SUMMARY: JUNE 22 ETHIOPIAN HERALD REPORTED MINISTRY  
OF INFO AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE (MININFO) SPOKES-  
MAN CLAIM THAT SUDANESE PROHIBITION OF LANDING AND  
OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS FOR ETHIOPIAN REGISTERED AIRCRAFT  
PART OF IMPERIALIST CONSPIRACY IN WHICH SOMALIA FULLY  
PARTICIPATING BY SENDING SOMALI-ORGANIZED, TRAINED,  
AND ARMED INFILTRATORS INTO ETHIOPIA TO SABOTAGE RAILWAY  
BRIDGES. AS FURTHER BUILDUP OF ANTI-SOMALI CAMPAIGN,  
PROVISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (PMAC) CHAIRMAN  
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LTCOL MENGISTU HAILE-MARIAM RECEIVED AT GRAND  
PALACE ISSA "NATIONALITY" REPRESENTATIVES, WHO  
DESCRIBED ATTACKS AS "CALCULATED CRIMINAL ACT ON  
PART OF MOGADISCIO REGIME." RECENT ARRIVALS OF  
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS, PROMINENT PATRIOTIC MEDIA  
COVERAGE OF REVOLUTION'S VICTORIES, AND RENEWED CALL  
FOR "VOLUNTARY" CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAMPAIGN ON "STANDING

BASIS" SEEM TO INDICATE START OF CAMPAIGN EFFORT  
IMMINENT. END SUMMARY.

1. PURSUING ITS "BESET BY ENEMIES FROM WITHIN AND WITHOUT" LINE, MININFO SPOKESMAN ISSUED STATEMENT DENOUNCING ONCE AGAIN SUDANESE DECISION AFFECTING ETHIOPIAN AIRCRAFT AS "IMPERIALIST CONSPIRACY TO STRANGULATE ETHIOPIA", ADDING MOGADISCIO REGIME PARTICIPATING FULLY BY SENDING SOMALI-ORGANIZED, TRAINED, AND ARMED INFILTRATORS TO SABOTAGE BRIDGES ALONG ADDIS ABABA-DJIBOUTI RAILROAD. SPOKESMAN ALLEGED BAN ON AIRCRAFT AND SABOTAGE OF BRIDGES NOT ISOLATED INCIDENTS, BUT RATHER PRE-PLANNED AND COORDINATED EFFORTS BY REACTIONARY LEADERS OF SUDAN AND SOMALIA, WHO AIM AT ISOLATING ETHIOPIA AND HER POPULAR REVOLUTION BY LAND-LOCKING HER. SPOKESMAN CONTINUED, THESE SUDANESE AND SOMALI ACTIONS "ACTS OF PROVOCATION FOR THE CONSEQUENCE OF WHICH ETHIOPIA SHOULD NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE. REACTIONARY REGIMES OF SUDAN AND SOMALIA FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERIORATION OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN EASTERN HORN OF AFRICA." SPOKESMAN CONCLUDED, ETHIOPIA FULLY CAPABLE OF MEETING REACTIONARY CHALLENGES TO ENSURE PEACE IN HORN.

2. IN CONTINUING ETHIOPIAN EFFORT TO ADVANCE THESIS THAT SABOTAGE TO ADDIS-DJIBOUTI RAILWAY ENDANGERS DJIBOUTI LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDEPENDENCE AND IS ATTEMPT TO CONSUMMATE SOMALI EXPANSIONIST POLICY, PMAC CHAIRMAN MENGISTU RECEIVED ETHNIC ISSA REPRESENTATIVES FROM SOUTHEASTERN ETHIOPIA AT GRAND PALACE JUNE 21. ISSAS LED BY DEJAZMATCH UGAZ HASSAN, WHOSE LEADERSHIP CREDENTIALS ARE NOT KNOWN HERE. EXCHANGE BETWEEN MENGISTU AND ISSAS FOLLOWED NOW STANDARD LINE, WITH ONLY NEW WRINKLES THAT ISSAS REPORTED PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN TRACKING DOWN SOMALI-TRAINED INFILTRATORS, WITH VIEW TO "WIPING THEM OUT ALTOGETHER", AND INFILTRATORS TERMED MAIN CAUSE FOR ISSA HARDSHIPS AND DESTRUCTION OF THEIR PROPERTY.

3. PRESS ALSO NOTED ARRIVAL OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS TO OBSERVE "PREPARATIONS BEING MADE BY ETHIOPIAN BROAD MASSES TO PROTECT REVOLUTION AND UNITY. ONLY AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS HERE TO COVER EXPECTED MILITIA PARADE ARE UPI AND AP JOURNALISTS AND CBS CAMERA CREW LED BY RANDY DANIELS (ALL RESIDENT IN NAIROBI). OTHER WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS FROM ITALY, FRANCE, UK, AND W. GERMANY REPORTEDLY HERE. HERALD ALSO CARRIED FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE DETAILING VICTORIES OF REVOLUTION, SIMILAR TO PREVIOUS ARTICLES PRECEDING MAJOR PRO-GOVT RALLIES. FINALLY, MAJ. DEBELA

DINSA, ADDIS ABABA OVERALL REVOLUTION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AT MEETING OF 73 GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION DISCUSSION FORUM CHAIRMAN, "SUGGESTED" VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO CALL OF MOTHERLAND SHOULD CONTINUE ON STANDING BASIS UNTIL ENEMIES OF ETHIOPIA'S UNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY CRUSHED ONCE AND FOR ALL. PARTICIPANTS REPORTEDLY AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT EACH WORKER SHOULD PAY MONTH'S SALARY IN INSTALLMENTS OVER ONE YEAR PERIOD TO EXPRESS COMMITMENT TO REVOLUTION, BUT SAID IT NECESSARY TO NOTIFY THEIR RESPECTIVE DISCUSSION FORUMS FOR DECISION OF MEMBERS. THEY ALSO STATED OFFICE WORKERS SHOULD RECEIVE MILITARY TRAINING TO BE ABLE TO ASSUME COMBAT DUTIES.

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4. COMMENT: TRADITIONAL ETHIOPIAN SENSITIVITY TO DANGER OF ENCIRCLEMENT INCREASINGLY HEIGHTENED AS RECENT, OPENLY HOSTILE SUDANESE AND SOMALI-SUPPORTED ACTIONS REINFORCE ETHIOPIAN FEARS. BY ACCORDING ISSA NATIONALS PLACE WITHIN REVOLUTION, IT APPARENT ETHIOPIA ATTEMPTING TO DISCREDIT ANY LEGITIMACY CLAIMED FOR WESTERN SOMALI LIBERATION FRONT AND DEMONSTRATE ISSA JUST ANOTHER OF ITS MANY NATIONALITIES. AS FIRST CONTINGENT OF PEOPLE'S MILITIA COMPLETES ITS FINAL STAGES OF TRAINING, ETHIOPIAN CAPABILITY TO SUPPORT ITS WARNING TO ENSURE PEACE AND SECURITY IN HORN GAINS SUBSTANCE. WITH ARRIVAL OF JOURNALISTS AND COMPLETION OF WORK AT REVOLUTION SQUARE, PUBLIC RALLY TO SEND-OFF MILITIA NOW SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 25. CONTRIBUTION OF MONTH'S SALARY OVER ONE YEAR TO DEFENSE CAMPAIGN, IF INSTITUTED, WOULD BE SAME AS THAT GIVEN FOR WOLLO DROUGHT EFFORTS IN PAST. DESPITE GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES TO CONTRARY, MOST SALARIED ETHIOPIAN WORKERS HAVE EXPECTED SURTAX FOR CAMPAIGN WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.

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